

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The United States of America is, today, the richest, most prosperous nation on the face of the earth. Its citizens have the highest standard of living of any people in the world. The liberty and freedom we enjoy is made possible only through the rule of law. Our forefathers for seven generations realized this important fact and through their perseverance and love of country bequeathed this system of self-government to us for our well being.

WHEREAS, Our nation today is perhaps faced with its challenge: a burgeoning population, restless youth impatient for fulfillment of our nation's ideals, demands for greater civil rights, and the sapping of our country's moral strength through increased crime, drug abuse and poverty.

WHEREAS, All of these challenges can be faced and overcome for the benefit of all. Their solution must come through adherence to the rule of law. Without law, and use of legal processes, none of these problems can be satisfactorily met. A people without law is a nation without individual freedom or liberty.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, and the President by official proclamation, have designated Saturday, May first, as Law Day USA in recognition and appreciation of our legal heritage. This fourteenth annual observance of Law Day offers every citizen a timely opportunity to reflect on the rule of law and its importance in our daily lives. It also gives us the chance to demonstrate by word and action responsible citizenship by recognizing our duty to uphold the law, obey rulings of the courts, assist law enforcement officers in performing their responsibilities, to give testimony in court if called, to resolve grievances through law, and to respect the rights of others.

WHEREAS, The theme for the 1971 observance of Law Day USA on May first is: "Channel Change Through Law and Reason".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 1, 1971, as

LAW DAY USA

and call upon all citizens to join in its observance through appropriate ceremonies, and programs and educational activities. I especially urge the schools, churches, the courts, civic and service clubs, business organizations, and the media of public information to participate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capitol City, on this 5th Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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